

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: KLAUS BIESTER	§	ART UNIT: 3679
SERIAL NO.: 10/525,934	§	
FILED: February 25, 2005	§	EXAMINER: David Bochna
FOR: CONNECTING MECHANISM	§	CONFIRMATION NO.: 4984

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 16, 2007**

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Commissioner For Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action Dated January 16, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper and have been amended by submitting a substitute specification.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including a marked-up substitute specification and a clean specification are attached following page 14 of this paper.